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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

 The reply filed on October 12, 2007 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

The applicant was also required to elect between the following species:

A: Figure 4; and

B: Figure 9. Please see paragraphs 5-12 of the last Office Action dated September 10, 2007 for further details. Also see 37 CFR 1.111.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TAM NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571)272-4979. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, LoAn Thanh can be reached on 571-272-4966. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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